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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Paul J. RUTHVEN et al.

Application No.: 10/808,431

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DEGRADING A WEB IN THE MACHINE  
DIRECTION WHILE PRESERVING CROSS-  
MACHINE DIRECTION STRENGTH

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) Group Art Unit: 1731  
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) Examiner: Eric J. HUG  
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) Confirmation No.: 6967  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of October 18, 2005. A check is enclosed to cover the fee due of \$120.00.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the provided response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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